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SUBJECT: ZAIRE SITREP

1. TACTICAL SITUATION. AMERICAN CONSULATE IN LUBUMBASHI HAS SCOTCHED RUMORS OF "SECOND FRONT" NEAR OR ALONG ZAMBIAN BORDER. A ZAIRIAN MILITARY UNIT SENT INTO AREA CONFIDENTIAL

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TO INVESTIGATE REPORTED EVERYTHING WAS CALM AS OF MARCH 29. ACCORDING TO ZAIRIAN SOURCES, LINE OF CONTACT WITH INVADERS IS IN VICINITY OF KAYEMBE, ABOUT 45 MILES WEST OF KOLWEZI, BUT REPORTS ARE CONFLICTING ON THIS POINT. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS THAT ADVANCE KATANGAN ELEMENTS HAVE ALREADY INFILTRATED INTO THE CITY.

- 2. DOMESTIC SITUATION. ANTI-MOBUTU TRACTS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE IN KINSHASA, BUT OTHERWISE CITY REMAINS QUIET WITH VERY LITTLE OF THE NEWS FROM SHABA BEING REPORTED BY ZAIRIAN MEDIA. IN KOLWEZI THE AMERICAN DIRECTOR OF THE CONSTRUCTEURS INGA-SHABA CAMP SAID THAT TROOPS DEFENDING THE CITY WERE SLOPPY AND UNDISCIPLINED. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS FROM KOLWEZI OF SOLDIERS ABUSING POPULATION.
- 3. AMCITS. THE CONSULATE IN LUBUMBASHI HAS ADVISED THAT AMERICANS IN KAMINA AND LIKASA MAY WANT TO

MOVE TO LUBUMBASHI IN LIGHT OF SITUATION IN KOLWEZI. MISSIONARY SOURCES IN KINSHASA REPORTED THAT THERE WAS RADIO CONTACT MARCH 30 WITH MISSIONARIES IN KAPANGA WHO REPORTED ALL WAS WELL.

- 4. NIGERIAN DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE. NIGERIAN EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER GARBA ARRIVED IN KINSHASA MARCH 30 FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH MOBUTU. HE LEFT FOR LUANDA MARCH 31 AND WILL BE RETURNING TO LAGOS SAME DAY.
- 5. ABOVE SITREP IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FOR BACK-GROUND USE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

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